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SUBJECT: CONSULTING GROUP OF NEGOTIATING GROUP III
(CONTINENTAL SHELF) AND PLENARY OF NEGOTIATING
GROUP III - 27 AUGUST

1. BOTH THE SMALL CONSULTING GROUP AND THE INFORMAL
NEGOTIATING GROUP ON THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN MET AUGUST 27,
WITH THE DISCUSSION CONCENTRATING IN BOTH INSTANCES UPON
REVENUE SHARING.

2. IN THE CONSULTING GROUP, ATTENTION FOCUSED ON THE
SENEGALESE PROPOSAL TO EXCLUDE DEVELOPING STATES FROM THE
OBLIGATION TO SHARE REVENUES FROM EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL
RESOURCES OF THEIR CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 MILES.

PAKISTAN AND ARGENTINA SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL, WHILE
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US, UK, AND FRG, AND
CERTAIN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SINGAPORE AND
NEPAL (AND UAE IN PLENARY) EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO
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ANY DOUBLE STANDARD.

3. IN THE NEGOTIATING GROUP, ACTING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN NJENGA (KENYA) GAVE A PERSONAL REPORT ON PROGRESS OF THE SMALL CONSULTATIVE GROUP. HE INDICATED DISCUSSION ON DEFINING THE OUTER EDGE OF THE MARGIN REVOLVED AROUND THE IRISH PROPOSAL, BUT THAT NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED. HE LIKEWISE NOTED THAT NO COMPROMISE HAD BEEN REACHED ON REVENUE SHARING, BUT THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. (U.S. DEL CONCURS). NJENGA EXPRESSED HIS OPTIMISM, AND CHARACTERIZED THE MARGIN NEGOTIATIONS AS PRODUCTIVE.

4. DISCUSSION ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS

FOLLOWED. CNADA STATED THAT PACKAGE OF IRISH FORMULA PLUS REVENUE SHARING MUST BE VIEWED AS MAJOR CONCESSION BY BROAD MARGIN GROUP. IN RESPONSE, AUSTRIA INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER CONTINENTAL MARGIN BEYOND 200 MILES PROVIDED THAT THERE IS REVENUE SHARING, AND SOME RECOGNITION OF PARTICIPATION BY THE LL/GDS STATES IN THE EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES. (PARTICIPATION WAS DEFINED BY AUSTRIAN AS FORMATION OF COMPANIES, JOINT VENTURES, LICENSING BY COASTAL STATE.) ALGERIA, IRAQ, AND ZAMBIA, REJECTED THE CONCEPT OF ANY COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION BEYOND 200 MILES.

5. FYI: MEXICO (TELLO) PRIVATELY INFORMED US

THAT LDCS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE EXEMPT FROM REVENUE SHARING OBLIGATION (ART. 70, PARA. 3). THEY ARE CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL THAT REVENUES SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED ONLY TO DEVELOPING LANDLOCKED STATES.

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